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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of May 03, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following request for reconsideration be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 9 to 14 as set forth in the preliminary amendment submitted upon filing of this application are currently pending.

The Examiner rejected Claims 9 to 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the teaching of Ide et al. (US 3,919,157). The Examiner asserted in this context that the referenced teaching disclosed all provisions of applicants' claims with the exception of the reduction of cold stress whitening which is brought about in accordance with applicants' method. Applicants respectfully disagree.

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